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***EARLY ALERT***

To: WO BLM/DOI Officials

From: BLM Montana/Dakotas

Through: Division Chief, WO Public Affairs

Subject: National Monument Review

What: Protest of pending national monument decision

Who: Unidentified group of individuals

Where: On the public sidewalk in front of the BLM Montana/Dakotas State Office in Billings

When: August 17, 2017

Background: A young woman who identified herself as Ella Smith called the BLM

Montana/Dakotas State Office late Wednesday afternoon, August 16. She said she was representing a group of individuals who planned to protest the current national monument review, and wanted to confirm that they did not need any permit to exercise their First Amendment rights as long as they stayed on the public sidewalk or along the public strip between the sidewalk and roadway and did not disrupt normal business or traffic.

Ms. Smith did not identify if she was associated with any formal group, how many protesters there might be, nor what time they plan to show up outside the state office.

Appropriate members of the State Office and Billings Field Office staff have been notified of the planned protest. Should members of the news media inquiry about the protest, staff has been instructed to direct reporters to [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov) for comment.

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